

Properties submitted to historic registry

HANSON — Town Hall is among the first dozen properties in town that will be submitted by the Historical Commission for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

The properties were among 160 identified in a recent survey conducted by two consultants hired by the commission with money appropriated at town meeting and matching state funds.

The survey was conducted in four phases and included volunteer labor.

During the first phase the consultants reviewed existing material and conducted an initial survey of all buildings in the community that are over 50 years old. The information obtained was entered into a database and photographs were taken.

During Phase II a historic properties list was compiled. Additional research, an outline for the narrative history of each property selected and sample inventory forms were prepared. The highest priority was given to clustered resources keyed to the important themes identified for the history of the town.

More detailed descriptions were prepared during Phase III for the individual properties and they were evaluated in anticipation of submission for the National Register. Additional photographs were taken of buildings, outbuildings and significant architectural and landscaping features.

In addition to Town Hall the other public buildings and individual properties recommended by the consultants during Phase III for submission for the Na-

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tional Register were the Cushing-Alms House, 784 Indian Head St., and Wampatuck Hall, 1131 Main St.

Residences recommended for the Register are located at 510 Brook St., 89 East Washington St., 541 High St., 305 King St., 149 Maquan St., and 517 and 316 West Washington St.

Recommended for submission as districts are the United Cape Cod Cranberry Company Central Packing House area and the North Hanson area.

The consultants found there were an exceptionally high number of historic properties for the size of the town.

During Phase IV the consultants determined the final format for the products of the survey project including a summary report which was presented to the Board of Selectmen at its last meeting by members of the Historical Commission.

In the summary report the consultants recommended the Historical Commission proceed with the selection of other properties from the list for submission for the National Register.

They also recommended that research begun on the area's Native American landscapes and on its agricultural landscape with particular emphasis on cranberries be continued.

Copies of the summary report are available for viewing by the public at Town Hall, the Hanson Public Library and the Cobb Library in Bryantville.